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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

**SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA - EDWARD J. SCHWARTZ COURTHOUSE**

AMCO INSURANCE COMPANY,  
Plaintiff,

v.

GROHE AMERICA, INC., AND DOES 1 TO  
25, INCLUSIVE,

Defendants.

Case No.08-CV-207 JLS (WMc)  
(SDSC Case No. 37-2007-00072924-CU-  
PL-CTL)

**STIPULATION AND [PROPOSED]  
ORDER PERMITTING DEFENDANT,  
GROHE AMERICA, INC., TO FILE  
AND SERVE THIRD PARTY  
COMPLAINT AGAINST VOSS  
PLUMBING; AND [PROPOSED]  
THIRD PARTY COMPLAINT FOR  
CONTRIBUTION AND INDEMNITY**

Complaint Filed: August 10, 2007

**COME NOW** the parties including Plaintiff, AMCO INSURANCE COMPANY ("AMCO") by and through its attorney of record the Law Offices of Goates & Beavers, and Defendant, GROHE AMERICA, INC. ("GROHE") by and through its respective attorneys of record Worthe Hanson & Worthe; with said attorneys having authority to so stipulate and stipulate to the following:

**GROHE** may file and serve its Third-Party Complaint against Voss Plumbing (entity unknown) ("VOSS"), as it is believed that VOSS was responsible for the installation of the subject plumbing and/or fixtures which are at issue in the Complaint filed by AMCO.

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2 **IT IS SO STIPULATED.**  
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4 DATED: March 17, 2008

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6 By: 

TODD C. WORTHE, ESQ.  
Attorneys for Defendant, GROHE  
AMERICA, INC.

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9 DATED: 3/18/08

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INSURANCE CO.

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**[PROPOSED] THIRD PARTY  
COMPLAINT OF GROHE  
AMERICA, INC., FOR  
EQUITABLE INDEMNITY,  
CONTRIBUTION,  
DECLARATORY RELIEF AS  
AGAINST THIRD PARTY  
DEFENDANT, VOSS  
PLUMBING**

**[F.R.C.P., RULE 14]**

Complaint Filed: August 10, 2007

**JURISDICTION** of this Court is invoked on the basis of diversity of  
citizenship and pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1332, 28 U.S.C. 1441 and 28 U.S.C. 1446.

**COMES NOW**, Third-Party Plaintiff GROHE AMERICA, INC.  
("GROHE"), and asserts this Third-Party Complaint against Third-Party Defendant,  
VOSS PLUMBING ("VOSS"), and ROES 1 through 25, and each of them, and  
alleges as follows:

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1           1.     Third-Party Plaintiff, **GROHE** is, and was at all times herein, a  
2 Corporation incorporated and having its principal place of business in the State of  
3 Ohio, and duly licensed and conducting business within the State of California,  
4 County of San Diego and within the Southern Judicial District of the United States  
5 District Court.

6           2.     Third-Party Defendant **VOSS** is, and was at all times herein mentioned,  
7 an unknown business entity, with a Contractor's License issued by the State of  
8 California, and doing business within the Southern Judicial District of the United  
9 States District Court.

10          3.     Third-Party Defendants, ROES 1 through 25, inclusive, are sued herein  
11 under fictitious names. The true names and capacities are unknown to Third-Party  
12 Plaintiff. When their true names and capacities are ascertained, Third-Party Plaintiff  
13 will amend this Third-Party Complaint by inserting their true names and capacities  
14 herein. Third-Party Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that each of  
15 the fictitiously named Third-Party Defendants is responsible in some manner for the  
16 occurrences herein alleged, and that Third-Party Plaintiff's damages as herein alleged  
17 were proximately caused by those Third-Party Defendants. Each reference in this  
18 Third-Party Complaint to "Third-Party Defendant," or "Third-Party Defendants", or a  
19 specifically named Third-Party Defendant refers also to all Third-Party Defendants  
20 sued under fictitious names.

21          4.     Each Third-Party Defendant is, and was, at all times relevant, the agent,  
22 servant, and employee of each of the other Third-Party Defendants. Each Third-Party  
23 Defendant committed the acts herein alleged in the course and scope of such agency,  
24 servanthood, and employment, under the direction and control of, for the benefit of, at  
25 the instance, request and behest of each of the other Third-Party Defendants, who  
26 each ratified and confirmed the acts of each of the other Third-Party Defendants.  
27 Third-Party Plaintiff is unaware at this time of the exact nature of all of the

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relationships among the Third-Party Defendants, but when such is made known to Third-Party Plaintiff, he will amend this Complaint accordingly.

5. Plaintiff refers to Plaintiff **AMCO**'s Complaint on file herein, and, without admitting any of the allegations contained therein, by this reference incorporates said allegations as though fully set forth hereat.

### **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

#### **(For Equitable Indemnity Against All Third-Party Defendants)**

6. Third-Party Plaintiff incorporates by this reference paragraphs 1 through 5 as though fully set forth at length herein.

7. By virtue of the doctrine of Equitable Implied Indemnity, Third-Party Plaintiff is faced with a potential loss, which in good conscience, equity and justice he would not be faced with absent of the conduct of Third-Party Defendants, and each of them. If the allegations of the Complaint of Plaintiff **AMCO** are found to be true, the responsibility of this Third-Party Plaintiff, if any, for the alleged damage and injuries of **AMCO**, if any, should be reduced based upon the proportionate share of fault as compared with that of Third-Party Defendants and each of them.

### **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

#### **(Contribution Against All Third-Party Defendants)**

8. Third-Party Plaintiff incorporates by this reference paragraphs 1 through 7 as though fully set forth at length herein.

9. Third-Party Defendants, and each of them, have failed and refused to acknowledge their responsibility for the injuries claimed by Plaintiff, if any there were. By reason thereof, Third-Party Plaintiff is faced with a potential for judgment.

10. As a proximate result of the failure of Third-Party Defendants, and each of them, to acknowledge responsibility for Plaintiff's injuries, if any there were, as herein alleged, **VOSS** must defend the lawsuit filed by **AMCO**, alleging damages as a result of the alleged negligence of Third-Party Defendants, and each of them, thus expending time and money for the defense of an action.

1 11. If any judgment is rendered against Third-Party Plaintiff for the  
2 damages alleged by Plaintiff, Third-Party Plaintiff is entitled to contribution from  
3 Third-Party Defendants, and each of them, for any damages awarded.

4 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

5 **(For Declaratory Relief Against All Third-Party Defendants)**

6 12. Third-Party Plaintiff incorporates by this reference paragraphs 1 through  
7 11 as though fully set forth at length herein.

8 13. A controversy exists between Third-Party Plaintiff **GROHE** and Third-  
9 Party Defendants, **VOSS** and **ROES** 1 through 25, and each of them as follows:

10 A. Third-Party Plaintiff **GROHE** contends that Third-Party  
11 Defendants, and each of them are obligated to hold harmless and  
12 to reimburse for the defense of defending the aforesaid action filed  
13 by **AMCO**;

14 B. Third-Party Defendants, **VOSS** and **ROES** 1 through 25, and each  
15 of them, contend that they are not obligated to hold Third-Party  
16 Plaintiff **GROHE** harmless or to reimburse them for the defense  
17 of **AMCO**'s action.

18 14. Third-Party Plaintiff **GROHE** desires a judicial determination of its right  
19 to indemnity from Third-Party Defendants, and each of them, such that, a Declaration  
20 is necessary and appropriate at this time in order to avoid multiplicity of actions. It  
21 will be otherwise required that Third-Party Plaintiff defend this action and bring a  
22 separate action over and against Third-Party Defendants, and each of them. Third-  
23 Party Plaintiff **GROHE** has no adequate or other speedy remedy at law.

24 **WHEREFORE**, Third-Party Plaintiff **GROHE** prays for judgment against  
25 Third-Party Defendants, and each of them as follows:

26 1. If Third-Party Plaintiff is held responsible for judgment in favor of  
27 Plaintiff, **AMCO**, that judgment be rendered in the same amount against Third-Party  
28 Defendants, and in favor of Third-Party Plaintiff, **GROHE** herein;

1           2.     For an order of the court that Third-Party Plaintiff, **GROHE** is entitled  
2 to be fully indemnified by Third-Party Defendants, and each of them, for any and all  
3 settlements or compromises entered into by Third-Party Plaintiff, **GROHE** and  
4 Plaintiff **AMCO**;

5           3.     For reasonable attorney's fees, pursuant to *Code of Civil Procedure*  
6 § 1021.6, and any and all other reasonable expenses incurred in connection with the  
7 defense of the action filed by Plaintiff, **AMCO** in favor of Third-Party Plaintiff  
8 **GROHE**;

9           4.     For costs of suit incurred herein; and

10          5.     For such other and further relief as the court may deem just and proper.

11 DATED: March 20, 2008

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**PROOF OF SERVICE**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

COUNTY OF ORANGE )<sup>ss</sup>

I am employed in the County of Orange, State of California. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action. My business address is 1851 East First Street, Ninth Floor, Santa Ana, California 92705.

On March 21, 2008, I served the foregoing document described as **STIPULATION AND PROPOSED ORDER PERMITTING DEFENDANT GROHE AMERICA, INC., TO FILE AND SERVE THIRD PARTY COMPLAINT AGAINST VOSS PLUMBING; AND PROPOSED THIRD PARTY COMPLAINT FOR CONTRIBUTION AND INDEMNITY** to all interested parties in said action by:

☐ BY FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION from FAX No. (714)285-9700 to the FAX number(s) listed below. The facsimile machine I used complied with Rule 2003(3) and no error was report by the machine. Fax Number(s):

☐ BY PERSONAL SERVICE as follows: I caused such envelope to be delivered by hand to the offices of the addressee.

☒ BY MAIL as follows:

☒ placing ☐ the original ☒ a true copy thereof in a sealed envelope addressed as stated on the ATTACHED MAILING LIST.

☐ I deposited such envelope in the mail at Santa Ana, California. The envelope was mailed with postage thereon fully prepaid.

☒ I am "readily familiar" with the firm's practice of collection and processing correspondence for mailing. Under that practice it would be deposited with U.S. postal service on that same day with postage thereon fully prepaid at Santa Ana, California in the ordinary course of business. I am aware that on motion of party served, service is presumed invalid if postal cancellation date or postage meter date is more than one (1) day after date of deposit for mailing in affidavit.

☐ BY OVERNIGHT DELIVERY: I deposited such an envelope in a box or other facility regularly maintained by express service carrier, or delivered to an authorized courier or driver authorized by the express service carrier to receive documents in an envelope or package designated by the express service carrier with delivery fees paid or provided for, addressed to the person on whom it is to be served as indicated on the attached Service List, at the office address as last given by that person on any document filed in the case and served o the party making service.

☐ STATE - I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.

☒ FEDERAL - I declare that I am employed in the office of a member of the bar of this court at whose direction the service was made.

Executed on March 21, 2008, at Santa Ana, California.

  
GINA M. FISHER



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